HASSAN DISTRICT.

SALE OF FUEL TREES.

Notification dated 24 January 1928.

It is hereby notified for general information that the right to cut and remove casuarina trees in the undermentioned coupes in the following State Forests of the Hassan District for the year 1927-28, will be sold by public auction by the District Forest Officer or any other officer deputed by him on the dates and places and subject to the conditions mentioned below:—

The sale will commence at 2 P.M. precisely, on each day and will be subject to the confirmation of the District Forest Officer in case of bids of Rs. 500 and below and of the Conservator of Forests in other cases.

Name of Range	Name of Forest	Name of working circle	Name of felling series	Coupes number and year	Area in acres	Place of sale	Date of sale	Distance from nearest Railway Station
Hassan ..	Ramedevarahalla	1 Rayapura.		V of 27-28.	Acres 60	Hassan Sandal Koti	6th February 1928	12 miles Fuel coupes sale.
		2 Ramedevarahalla.		Do	60			
Do ..	Hagare ..	Hagare ..	Casuarina.		trees 30	Hagare ..	7th February 1928	15 ,,
Do ..	Hongere ..	Hongere ..		Do	20	Hongere ..	9th February 1928.	8 ,, and Hongere

N.B.—It should be clearly noted that the contractor should make his own arrangements for the removal of fuel from the coupes and that the Forest Department will not undertake any responsibility in the matter of opening of roads, etc.

2. Each bidder shall before he is permitted to bid be required to furnish a solvency certificate as under the Tangadi Sale Rules and deposit a sum of Rs. 50 (rupees fifty) as earnest money with the officer conducting the sale; the deposit will be returnable to him at the close of the sale if his bid is not accepted. The person whose bid is accepted shall immediately after the close of the sale pay 25 per cent of the bid amount less the deposit already paid, failing which, the right will be resold or worked departmentally at the risk of the defaulting bidder. He will be liable for the loss, if any, that may result by such resale or departmental working which will be recoverable from him as arrears of Land Revenue, but he shall not participate in any gain.

3. Defaulters to the department will not be allowed to bid at the sale.

4. All fuel yielding trees except those reserved by the department will be sold for a lumpsum amount for the whole coupe.

5. Power is reserved to the District Forest Officer or such other officer conducting the sale as may be deputed by the District Forest Officer to accept or reject any bid without assigning any reason therefor.

6. Within a week from the date of intimation regarding the confirmation of the sale the person whose bid is accepted, shall deposit a sum of Rs. 50 (fifty) or 25 per cent of the sale amount whichever is less for each coupe as security towards the due fulfilment of his contract. He shall also pay within that period the remaining 75 per cent of the contract amount due by him and shall execute an agreement, on a stamped paper of proper value, accepting the above terms and the terms specified below, failing which, the amount already paid will be forfeited to Government and the produce resold or worked departmentally at his risk as noted in clause (2) *supra*. The security deposit or the balance thereof as may remain over shall be repayable to the contractor on his producing proof relieving him of any liability under the contract.

The following are the further conditions to which the contractor should bind himself.

(*a*) That he shall fell and remove the fuel trees purchased by him before the 15th June 1928.

(*b*) That he shall make the fellings of the trees in a methodical manner from one side of the coupe coppicing the stumps of the trees felled leaving the standard trees marked on the area intact along with all the trees less than one foot in girth, trees yielding Minor Forest Produce and all trees, shrubs and thorny growths that are coming up within a radius of six feet from sandal trees and saplings.

(*c*) That each consignment of fuel shall be covered by a passport issued by the Range Officer or any other officer deputed by the District Forest Officer in this behalf.

(*d*) That if any tree, shrub or growth reserved by the department as noted in clause (*b*) *supra* is cut he shall pay a fine not exceeding Rs. 10 per tree.

(*e*) That he shall abide by the rules of the department as regards the kindling of the fire and shall hold himself responsible for any forest offences committed by his agents, employees or workmen.

(*f*) That no operation shall take place in the forest after sunset and before sun rise.

(*g*) That he shall not sublet the contract to anybody except with the written sanction of the District Forest Officer.

(*h*) That he shall have no right whatsoever over the coupe and over the fuel paid for but left unremoved in any of the coupes, after 30th June 1928.

(*i*) That he shall maintain a register in the form prescribed by the District Forest Officer showing the number of trees felled and the outturn of fuel resulting therefrom and shall keep it open for the examination of Forest Officers above the grade of guards.

(*j*) That for any breach of any of the conditions of the contract by the contractor or his agents, the contract shall be void at the option of the District Forest Officer and that the latter may, after issuing to the contractor a notice of the cancellation of the contract enforce forfeiture of all or any part of the deposit and shall resell the right or work it departmentally at the risk of the contractor as in clause (2) *supra*. If the deposit or part thereof is so forfeited, it shall be immediately made good by the contractor.

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SAGAR FOREST DIVISION.

Notification dated 24th January 1928.

It is hereby notified that the right to cut and remove the following trees marked for following in the coupes of the several Forests of the Sagar Division, will be sold by public auction, by the District Forest Officer, Sagar Division, on the dates and at the places noted against each coupe :—

Name of Range	Name of forest and coupe	Probable quantities	Place and date of sale	Remarks
Shikarpur ..	Gangaranasara State Forest Hosur C N 3.	Teak 400 C.ft.	Sowlanga, on 15th February 1928.	More or less
Sorab	Badimatti C 9 ..	,, 300 ,,		
	Togarsi State Forest C N 5.	,, 300 ,,	Togarsi, on 21st February 1928.	
	Kavale C N 20 ..	,, 200 ,,		
	Bandalike District Forest Coupe of 27-28.	,, 500 ,,		

1. The successful bidder will, immediately after the sale, deposit Rs. 100 as security for each coupe. The bidding will be separately for each kind of timber.

2. The final acceptance of the sales will rest with the Conservator of Forests who does not bind himself to accept the highest bid or to assign any reasons whatever for the rejection of any bid.

3. The successful bidder will, within a week of the receipt of the intimation of the acceptance of his bid, execute an agreement accepting the terms specified below, in default, the sale will be cancelled and the deposit forfeited to Government :—

(*a*) That he binds to fell, collect and remove the timber he has purchased before the 31st May 1928.

(*b*) That trees shall be felled in consecutive order as they are marked. Picking and choosing will not be allowed.

In felling trees, care should be taken to fell so as not to cause damage to the surrounding growth.

(*c*) That he shall fell the trees he has purchased and dress the logs on the spot. He will not be bound, however, to remove such logs, as the District Forest Officer may declare to be unsound and unfit for sale without recourse to sawing. The District Forest Officer's decision regarding the over-dressing of logs shall be final and the purchaser should pay the amount for such wastage as calculated by the District Forest Officer.

(*d*) That he binds himself to pay for and remove all marketable portions of a tree either in logs, pieces or poles.

(*e*) That the timber prepared out of each tree shall be measured and stamped by the Range Officer or such other officer, as the District Forest Officer may authorize at the stump. Until the timber is marked at the stump, the timber shall not be removed.

(*f*) That he shall pay for all the timber measured as per clause (*e*) before removal from the Forest or the Depot fixed by the District Forest Officer.

(*g*) That all removals should be effected under pass-ports issued by the Forest Officer in charge of the Forest or Depot and on presentation of the treasury receipt for the value of the timber he intends to remove.